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1. DEPT. MOST APPRECIATIVE OF NUMEROUS EFFORTS MADE BY CONGENAND EMBASSY ON THIS CASE IN RECENT WEEKS. AT THE VERY LEAST WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN AVERTING NEGATIVE DECISION ON BASIS OF THE COURT'S FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE DOCUMENTS, AND WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ACQUAINTING BOTH THE COURT AND THE RESPONSIBLE FRENCH MINISTRIES WITH OUR POSITION ON THIS CASE.

2. AT THIS POINT, MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO ADVANCE OUR OBJECTIVES IN THIS CASE WOULD BE FOR GOF TO ADVISE COURT THAT IT AGREES WITH USG POSITION THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACTS OF THIS CASE AND INTERNATIONAL EXTRADITION PRACTICE, THERE IS A TREATY OBLIGATION TO SURRENDER THESE FUGITIVES TO U.S. REQUEST EMBASSY TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASCERTAIN GOF VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION AND, IF GOF CONCURS WITH U.S. POSITION, TO REQUEST THAT IT EXPRESS ITS CONCURRENCE TO THE COURT. INGERSOLL

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